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THE GRIM REAPER.

Short Sketches of the Lives of Persons Who Have Recently Passed Away.

MRS. SARAH MELLOTT.

Mrs. Sarah Catharine Mellott, wife of Moses Mellott, deceased, died at her home in Thompson township April 8, 1915, aged 66 years, 9 months, and 24 days. She was born in Ayr township, and was a daughter of the late John Clevenger. She was the youngest of a family of fifteen children. She had no children. She has one sister in Illinois and another sister—Mrs. Lizzie Gordon—lives in Bethel township. The cause of her death was dropsy. We are not informed when or where she was buried.

MRS. LULA LONGMAN.

Mrs. Lula Longman, wife of E. H. Longman, of Polo, Ill., died February 28, 1915. But a short time before her death she had talked cheerfully with friends, and about two hours later she was found sitting in a chair dead by neighbors. Her husband was away from home at the time of her death.

Spring Opening for Sabbath Schools.

Sunday April 25 is the day set for the general rally of the schools of Fulton County. Last year seven schools of the County made a canvass of their communities to enlist everybody in the school movement. The canvass was made a few days before the opening day, everybody as far as possible was personally seen and asked to become a member of some school, and be present at the grand rally and opening. A total of more than 125 members were added to the schools of the county as the result of this effort.

All schools of the County are requested to report the number in attendance on that Sunday at once, so the report can be made in the County papers. Address all communications to Hon. S. W. Kirk, or Rev. R. E. Peterman, McConnellsburg, Pa.

The plan for this year is as follows: Every school send teams of two members, as many different teams as seems best, to see and ask everybody old and young in the community, during the week of April 18 to the 25, to become members of the school and be present on Sunday April 25. Then, on Monday morning, send a report of attendance to either one of the above parties. Trusting to have all the schools the best possible, we are, as always, The Fulton County Sunday School Association.

Revolvers.

A revolver is a nickel-plated substitute for bravery, which has practically driven the original article out of the market.

The revolver gives a puny man with a 5-8 inch brain and the pluck of a grasshopper a 100-yd. reach and makes him more deadly than a Sioux Indian. There was a time when this country had no dangerous animals, except bears and wolves, and life was safe, except on the frontiers; but now vast herds of 16-year-old boys who use their skulls for a dime novel bookcase, roam the streets with cigarettes in their face and a portable cannon in their hip pockets, producing obituaries with the skill and enthusiasm of a cholera microbe; while it is at all times possible to meet a personal enemy who has been chasing you for a week, and who is reluctantly compelled to defend himself when he catches you. By killing you so full of lead that your remains will require eight pall-bearers. Revolvers are now so generally used in debate, in domestic quarrels and repartee of all sorts that 8,000 Americans die of them each year, it is said. —Mitchell S. D. Gazette.

Mrs. Bessie Pheil, of Lehman, is visiting Miss Katie Fore.

AUTOBOMBLE MISHAP.

Mack Sipes "Run Down" by Auditor General Powell on Lincoln Highway Last Friday.

Mack Sipes had been over at the home of his brother Reamer, near Foltz, Franklin county, helping the latter work on the turnpike. Last Friday one of Reamer's boys was taking his uncle Mack to his home in Licking Creek township in a buggy. About a half mile west of McConnellsburg, the Sipeses were overtaken by Auditor General Powell and his wife, who were going to Pittsburgh. At this time the young man was driving the buggy, on the right hand side of the road, and his uncle was walking a short distance ahead of the buggy on the left hand side of the road, about 24 feet distant from the buggy. For some reason or other, Mr. Powell's car struck Mr. Sipes, knocking the latter to the road and the machine passed over the prone body. Mr. Powell stopped his car at once, and taking up the injured man, brought him back to the office of Dr. Geo. M. Robinson. While Mr. Sipes was badly bruised, it was not believed that he suffered any internal injuries, or that he had any bones broken. After an examination by Dr. Robinson, and necessary treatment, Mr. Powell took him to his home.

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to the rate of speed Mr. Powell was running. He says he was not running more than eight miles an hour, while others say he was "hitting it up" at a 40-mile clip. Last Saturday morning's (Chambersburg) Public Opinion, says that General Powell gave the local authorities of that town the slip twice last Friday morning as he was coming through, when they attempted to "pull him" for speeding.

Is Scale Disappearing?

We respectfully ask readers to help us find out how far San Jose scale has disappeared from our orchards, due to the work of the little wasp that pierces the scale. You can readily detect the work of this scale enemy. Look closely, and if the tiny scale shows a hole in it no larger than a fine hair, you may be certain that the little wasp is at work. This little wasp-like creature is so small that one of them could sit on a period at the end of each sentence on this page, and neither its head nor its tail would extend out over the edge of the period. But it is a vigorous worker, and has the power to sting many scales. At each sting it lays an egg in the scale, and the eggs soon hatch and the larva eats the inside of the pest. We have heard of some orchards that have been almost cleared of the scale through the activities of the little wasp. You can introduce it into your orchard by carrying home some twigs from these where it is known to exist. Tie the twigs to your trees, and as the little insects hatch, they go to work for you. In the course of time, they multiply sufficiently to clean up the scale. Please bring us samples of twigs containing the wasps, and tell us as nearly as you can whether the ravages of the scale seem to be diminishing.

State Road News.

During the past two weeks, local superintendent, J. C. Patterson has been repairing the Warfordsburg four miles of State road, and had hired wagons for hauling, but unable to secure them for longer time he last Saturday, sent four state road dump wagons that had been stored in Mason's barn all winter.

A small force of men are at work on Cove mountain, and other places on the pike, opening ditches, culverts, and filling in some of the worst places. He expects, before many days, to put a larger force to work on the pike.

SERIOUSLY BURNED.

Gasoline Took Fire As Morrow G. Kirk Was Filling Tank in Auto Truck, Last Saturday Morning.

As was told in the NEWS two weeks ago, John Sheets & Son put an auto truck on the road between McConnellsburg and Mercersburg to more speedily transport passengers and the mail, and to take the place of the old horse coaches. Until the regular drivers should become familiar with the machine, Mr. Morrow G. Kirk was employed to take charge of the truck, and instruct the men in the use and care of the machine.

As the schedule time for the leaving of the early mail is five o'clock in the morning, it becomes necessary to get the machine in readiness before daylight. Last Saturday morning the machine needed gasoline, and Mr. Kirk was emptying the contents of a five-gallon can into the tank, when suddenly the gasoline at the mouth of the spout burst into a blaze, flying up into Mr. Kirk's face and setting his clothing afire. With rare presence of mind Mr. Kirk threw the can and dropped to the ground at the same time tearing the burning clothing from his body and rolling in the dust. John Sheets, who was standing near grasped a bucket of water and dashed it onto the can, which, fortunately extinguished the flames instead of scattering the fire as is usually the case. Mr. Kirk was severely burned along the right side of the body from head to foot—his right hand and arm, which he used in tearing his clothing from his body being the worst. He is resting as comfortably as might be expected.

The fire originated from a lantern some distance away. Mr. Kirk says that he had filled the tank in the light of a lantern before without an accident, and felt that the lantern was far enough away not to make any trouble. The accident took place in an enclosure, and the wonder is, that the machine and buildings were not burned, and that Mr. Kirk escaped with his life.

Like dynamite, powder, kerosene, and other explosives, gasoline holds an important place in the economies of to-day, but too much care can not be taken to prevent accidents. People who use it in automobiles or in stationary engines, should never take chances in going near it with an open flame. Lighting a pipe, cigar, or lantern near gasoline, or carrying a burning lantern, is done at much risk. Every owner of an automobile should have a good flash-light lantern, which can be used with perfect safety about gasoline or other explosive gases.

New Garage.

Dr. H. C. McClain, of Hustontown, is having erected a fire-proof garage on his lot next to the U. P. church, on west Lincoln Way. The building will be 128x55 five feet. It is being built throughout of concrete and iron. The front end for 28 feet back, will be two stories. The lower story will contain two rooms, and a driveway leading from Lincoln Way to the main room. One of the rooms will be fitted up for an office, with washroom, toilet, &c. Across the driveway, in the opposite front corner, will be a storeroom for automobile parts, accessories, and supplies, and will be fitted with a big show window. The second story will be made into a modern flat with all conveniences to make a comfortable home.

This leaves space for a show room and repair shop floor for machines, 100x55 feet in the rear of the building which will be well lighted, and furnished to take care of new stock cars and afford room for whatever garages are called upon to do. Ralph Reed is busily engaged in making the concrete blocks for the walls.

Recent Weddings.

LAYTON—MILLS.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at Hotel Washington, Berkley Springs, W. Va., on April 7, 1915, when Mr. Chester W. Layton and Miss Myrtle J. Mills, of Whips Cove, were united in marriage by Rev. J. H. Brunk, at 1:30 o'clock, afternoon. In addition to the bride and groom the wedding party consisted of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Layton; the brides cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. McKee, Mr. and Mrs. Carry Layton and daughter Esther—all in Messrs. Layton and McKee's touring cars.

The party returned to the home of the groom immediately after the marriage ceremony, and a splendid wedding supper was served to thirty-one. Next day the happy couple went to the home of the bride's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. McKee, with whom she had made her home before her marriage. Here an elegant supper awaited them and their relatives. The bride received many handsome presents. This excellent and intelligent young couple have the best wishes of a very large circle of friends.

MELLOTT—MELLOTT.

At the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in McConnellsburg on Monday, April 12, 1915, the pastor, Rev. A. S. Luring, united in marriage, Mr. John F. Mellott, of Mr. and Mrs. Mason Mellott of Belfast township, and Miss Belle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward V. Mellott, of the same township. After the ceremony, the happy couple went over to the home of the bride's parents, where a splendid supper was served, and on Tuesday, they went to Everett, boarded a train and left for Fostoria, O., where the groom has a home provided, and they will go to housekeeping on a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Mellott have the best wishes of their numerous friends.

KNEPPER—STRAIT.

On Thursday, April 8, 1915, Miss Ruth Strait and Mr. John Knepper were united in marriage at the home of the bride, near Gracey, by the Rev. L. Benson, of the United Brethren church. The bride is an estimable young lady, and the groom is an upright industrious young man, well fitted for the affairs of life. Mr. and Mrs. Knepper have purchased a farm near Gracey, which they will take charge of in the near future and be at home to their many friends, who wish them a long and prosperous life.

Those present at the wedding were Mrs. Aaron Knepper, Fannie Knepper, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Baker, Owen Laidig, Jesse B. Heefner, wife, and daughter Olive; S. S. Strait, David Strait, Scott Wolf, and Miss Mary Wolf.

Judge Swope Sustained.

The Superior Court has just handed down a decision sustaining the finding of Judge Swope in the case of Hettie A. Witherspoon vs. the estate of the late Wm. Patterson, of Ayr township, deceased. According to terms of the will of Mr. Patterson, Mrs. D. A. Nelson was to become owner of the farm upon the payment of \$917.50. Miss Witherspoon brought suit to recover double that sum, and when our Court decided in favor of Mrs. Nelson, an appeal was taken to the Superior Court, which affirmed the decision as before stated.

Boy Fell Off Wagon.

Daniel Barnhart, one of J. W. Mellott's teamsters was bringing a four-horse load of hichory lumber up the Cove road last Saturday, and when near the Secrist farm, his brother Walter, who was sitting on top of the load fell off. While it is not likely that a wheel passed over him, one of his legs was very much bruised, and the boy needed some surgical attention.

DIED IN HER 99TH YEAR.

Was Born Near Harrisonville, and Worked at Metzler's Hotel for 25 Cents a Week.

From the Public Opinion (Chambersburg), we learn of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Vance, which occurred in Chambersburg last Saturday at the advanced age of 98 years, 3 months, and 9 days. With the exception of one year spent with friends in Greencastle, Mrs. Vance spent the last 63 years of her life in Chambersburg.

Mrs. Vance's maiden name was



Brewbaker, and she was born on her father's farm of thirty acres, about three-quarters of a mile up the Branch, northwest of Harrisonville, the buildings having long ago disappeared and the land now a part of Thomas S. Metzler's farm. At the time of her birth, much of the big Licking Creek valley was covered by the virgin forest, and it was because of the Forbes Road which was the great artery of travel between the eastern cities and Pittsburgh, that Harrisonville got its name on the map. During many months in the year, the road was alive with its great stream of wagons, stage coaches and pedestrians. During her early youth, Mrs. Vance, then Elizabeth Brewbaker, went to work in the tavern kept by the Metzlers. Here she worked, from morning to night, for 25 cents a week. She had her wages increased to as high as 85 cents a week, but this was the limit of her wages for her hard work. The tavern cared for scores of teamsters and pedestrians each day, "but people in those days." Mrs. Vance was wont to say, "were not afraid to work and we laughed and talked and worked the whole day through and were happy and contented."

While at Harrisonville, Mrs. Vance saw a battery of U. S. Artillery, from Carlisle barracks pass through on its way to Pittsburgh to take boat down the Ohio for the Mexican war. Our townsman J. Nelson Sipes, Esq., who was a lad at that time went up to the home of General John Sipes, who at that time lived at the Vallance place east of Harrisonville, to see them pass. It was on a Sunday morning, and the "boys" made a splendid appearance in their bright military suits. Mr. Sipes remembers well about seeing the recruiting officer at the Muster at Harrisonville, enroll the names of John Suders, David Fore, Alfred Sipes, William Bishop, William Polk, and others who served in the Mexican War.

John Miller married one of the Metzler girls. They went to Chambersburg and opened the Miller Hotel. Mrs. Vance went with them and worked for years at the hotel. Jacob Vance courted her and married her. They lived happily. He died in 1871.

Work was Mrs. Vance's mania. Although relatives and friends wanted to provide for her when she entered the 80's, she would not, and up until a year ago she earned money by doing washing. "I worked forty years for one woman," Mrs. Vance once said, "and that is a long time."

One brother survives her, Josh-

RAILROAD NEWS.

By November First Freight Cars Should Be Loading and Unloading at McConnellsburg Station.

As noted by the NEWS last week, contracting firms sent representatives and engineers to go over the line of survey, and to receive copies of the finished profiles and specifications upon which to base bids for construction. Some bids have been received, and on, or before, the first of May, it is expected that all bids will be in, and the contract let to the lowest bidder. As to the sale of bonds, President Post reports that \$100,000 worth have been disposed of, and that banking firms of Philadelphia, New York, Pittsburgh, and Baltimore, are looking up our bonds. At the last meeting of the board of directors, the Farmers and Merchants Trust Co., of Chambersburg, was appointed trustee of the bond issue. From present indication, there will be no great difficulty in placing all the bonds. The assignment of bonds for local consumption is in the hands of treasurer Geo. A. Harris, to whom application may be made for purchase of same. Sales, including some at Fort Loudon, have been made to local buyers.

Lewis T. Peck, of the Westinghouse Company, will return this week for the express purpose of taking the contract for that company's end of the work, namely, the installation of all electrical work, including the heavy motor. He will remain on the ground to superintend the work, on behalf of the railroad company, until it is completed; his offer to remain with us was accepted by the company with thanks.

As soon as all bids have been received, and the contract let, a day will be set for the driving of the first peg, and the event will be celebrated by making it one of the greatest days in the history of Fulton county. It is not expected that this event will occur later than May first. Contractors claim that six months will be sufficient time in which to build the road, and start first train over the mountain. This means that by November first, freight cars should be loaded and unloaded at McConnellsburg warehouses.

Stray Bullets.

Several days ago, engineer Mack Reynolds was running his train on the P. & R. road near Shippensburg when he felt a sharp pain in his abdomen. A small hole from which blood was running indicated a bullet wound though he heard no shot at the time he was hurt. At Harrisonburg, an X-ray revealed a small bullet lodged in his intestines. The use of little .22 calibre rifles has become so common, that accidents like this one are now frequent. The use of these accurate little guns is not condemned but their manner of use is to be deplored. The pellets, if shot in to the air at an angle will travel the longest length of McConnellsburg, and if there is the least noise in the air, the bullet travels farther than the sound of the report. It is the same with modern high power rifles. Down in Lebanon, a man was shot while riding in a buggy. The man who fired the shot was probably a full mile distant. Men and boys who use either the innocent-looking little .22, or the high power rifle should be taught to make sure that a background that will stop the bullet is in sight before firing. The high power rifle has no rightful place in the eastern states. Not one time in ten thousand can game be seen—let alone shot—at a greater distance than it could be killed with ordinary charges.

ua Brewbaker of Cokeville. He is over 83 years old and still does work as a blacksmith. He is also a lay Methodist preacher. Five grandchildren and several great grandchildren also survive. One of her grandchildren is Mrs. H. Wishart Decker, of McConnellsburg, who visited Mrs. Vance about six years ago. At that time Mrs. Vance was in her 93rd year, but was bright and active, could carry a bucket of water in each hand and could outwalk Mrs. Decker.

THE UNIVERSAL TIPPLE.

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene by Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., LL. D., Commissioner of Health.

Coffee and tea are the two beverages used almost universally by the adult population throughout the civilized and semi-civilized world.

It is impossible to say how many tens of millions of dollars are expended upon them annually. Although their use has steadily increased they might be discontinued by the multitudes who have formed the habit without the loss of any benefit and in the majority of cases abstinence would result in distinct physical gain.

Neither coffee or tea are to be considered foods. Both are stimulants and it is this which is responsible to their popularity. As with all other stimulants there is a continual tendency to over-indulgence because a moderate allowance after a time fails to give the necessary incitement to the nervous system.

While the mind is often stimulated to good work for a short time by coffee or tea any stimulus which they give is transitory for there is a period of depression following the use of all stimulants. Experiments have shown that over indulgence in both have a tendency in the long run to dull the working of the mind.

A moderate use may not be followed by any noticeable ill effect but nervousness and disturbances of the digestive system is almost certain to follow the excessive use of either. Tea has an astringent action which is often harmful.

Any value which might follow from the use of a warm beverage with meals, where the majority of the food is below the body temperature, is probably offset by this action. Hot water or the "cambric tea" (hot water, whole milk and sugar) of our childhood days is far better.

Many people rely upon coffee and tea almost entirely as beverages and fail to drink the proper quantity of pure water.

Alsike Clover.

Webster says that Alsike clover is so named from Alsike, Sweden. The blossom is of light color—being pinkish, to white.

Looking up the possibilities, and values, of Alsike, we fell back upon that reliable authority, Alva Agee. That gentleman tells us that, if we can get no better clover to grow, it is a good thing. Other conditions being equal, it can find nourishment in a slightly more acid soil than can our good old red clover. For this reason it has gained for itself a reputation for producing more hay. But the Professor cites many instances of failure to maintain its reputation when the two were grown side by side under proper clover conditions, namely, a good sweet soil. As a soil-builder, it does not root deeply, neither has it the ability to draw from the air as much nitrogen. Sown by itself, it is hard to mow because of its failure to stand upright.

Those who know Mr. Agee, or who are acquainted with his writings, will at once recognize his clear and honest way of rendering assistance when he states that if, by reason of lack of lime, red clover will not thrive, try the next best thing—Alsike—if soil is not too sour for hope of any of the clovers.

Scalp Bounty Frauds.

Recent investigation shows that the State has been defrauded of tens of thousands of dollars through the substitution of rat scalps for those of weasels, and chicken heads for hawk heads. Nearly fifty men are in jail, or are awaiting trial, for having fraudulently collected bounties in this way. This does not speak well for the intelligence of our country "Squires," if they can be thus easily fooled.